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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Satoru WAKUTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/629,743

Examiner:

J. WALTERS

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For:

HYBRID DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE EQUIPPED THEREWITH

LARGE ENTITY PETITION FOR 1st - 3rd EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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